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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 16, 2000

APPLICATION OF

SIGMA NETWORKS TELECOMMUNICATIONS
OF VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC000183

For certificates of public
convenience and necessity to
provide local exchange and
interexchange telecommunications
services

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

On August 25, 2000, the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") issued an Order for Notice and Hearing in the above-referenced matter directing Sigma Networks Telecommunications of Virginia, Inc. ("Sigma" or "Applicant"), to publish notice of its application by September 15, 2000, and to give notice to all local exchange and interexchange telephone carriers certificated in Virginia by the same date.

On October 10, 2000, Sigma filed a motion requesting an extension of time to publish the notice required by the Commission's August 25, 2000, Order. In support of its motion, the Applicant states that it inadvertently missed the deadline for publication of newspaper notice and notice to certificated local exchange and interexchange carriers in Virginia. Specifically, Sigma requests an extension of time to publish

notice of its application and give notice of its application to each local exchange and interexchange carrier certificated in Virginia. Sigma further requests that the dates for comments on the application, Notices of Protest, Protests, and testimony be extended. Having considered this request, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the Applicant's request is reasonable and should be granted.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Sigma's request for an extension of time to publish notice of its application and to give notice of the application to all certificated local exchange and interexchange carriers in Virginia is granted, and the date for completion of publication of the notice and notice to other carriers is extended from September 15, 2000, to October 20, 2000.

(2) On or before October 20, 2000, Sigma shall complete publication of the following notice to be published on (1) one occasion as classified advertising in newspapers of general circulation within the geographical areas approved by the Commission for all certificated local exchange and interexchange carriers in Virginia in which the applicant seeks to participate:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY
SIGMA NETWORKS TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF
VIRGINIA, INC., FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL
EXCHANGE AND INTEREXCHANGE

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
CASE NO. PUC000183

On July 26, 2000, Sigma Networks Telecommunications of Virginia, Inc. ("Sigma" or "Applicant"), completed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for certificates of public convenience and necessity ("certificates") to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. In its application, the Applicant also requested authority to price its interexchange telecommunications services on a competitive basis pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia.

A public hearing will be convened on November 21, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, to hear evidence relevant to Sigma's application for a certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services. The Commission will hear evidence on Sigma's application for a certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications services at the November 21, 2000, public hearing only if substantive objections to this portion of the application are filed on or before November 3, 2000. If no such substantive objections are received, the Commission may grant the certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications services without a hearing.

Copies of the application are available for public inspection between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, or can be ordered from Katherine A. Rolph, Esquire, Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman, LLP, 3000 K

Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C.
20007-5116.

Any person desiring to comment in writing on Sigma's application for certificates to provide local exchange services or interexchange telecommunications services may do so by directing such comments on or before November 3, 2000, to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set out below. Any person desiring to make a statement at the public hearing concerning Sigma's application for a certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services need only appear in the Commission's second floor courtroom at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the hearing and identify himself or herself as a public witness to the Commission's Bailiff.

Any person who expects to submit evidence, cross-examine witnesses, or otherwise participate in the proceeding as a Protestant, pursuant to Commission Rule 4:6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, should promptly obtain a copy of the Order for Notice and Hearing from the Clerk of the Commission for complete details of the procedural schedule and instructions on participation.

Individuals with disabilities who require an accommodation to participate in the hearing should contact the Commission at least seven (7) days before the scheduled hearing date at 1-800-552-7945 (voice) or 1-804-371-9206 (TDD).

All written communications to the Commission concerning Sigma's application should be directed to Joel H. Peck, Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and must refer to Case No. PUC000183.

SIGMA NETWORKS TELECOMMUNICATIONS

OF VIRGINIA, INC.

(3) The date for filing of comments on the application is extended from October 6, 2000, to November 3, 2000.

(4) The date for filing of Notices of Protest, Protests, and testimony is extended from October 6, 2000, to November 3, 2000.

(5) The date by which Sigma may prefile testimony with the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any additional direct testimony it intends to present at the public hearing is extended from October 6, 2000, to October 20, 2000.

(6) On or before November 15, 2000, the Applicant shall file with the Commission proof of notice and proof of service as ordered herein.

(7) All other provisions of our August 25, 2000, Order for Notice and Hearing shall remain in effect.